

MICHIGAN EVEN START DATA DEFINITIONS

General Form Definitions

Reporting Period	Time during which data on families is being collected: July 1, 2003 through January 30, 2004.
Due Date	Date by which data must be submitted to the Department of Education, Early Childhood and Parenting Programs: February 27, 2004.

Adult Form Definitions

Program Intake	Completion of interview process and forms to determine eligibility and student's desire for program entry.
Participants	A parent or parents who are eligible for participation in adult education and literacy activities under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act; or who are within the State's compulsory school attendance age range, so long as a local educational agency provides (or ensures the availability of) the basic education component required under this part, or who are attending secondary school. (SEC. 1236)
Growth/change	Advance at least one educational functioning level (may be as reported on MAERS) using TABE or BEST pre-test and post-test assessments. If learning is sufficient to move a learner up this scale, an educational gain is recorded.
Basic skill area	Reading, language, and mathematics (numeracy and problem solving).
Enrolled/enrollment	Completion of initial and/or continuing registration forms. Participating in all four components.
English as a Second Language (ESL)	A program of instruction designed to help students who are limited English proficient achieve competence in the English language. Includes English language skills (understanding, speaking, reading, and writing).
Proficiency in the English language	Determined by test outcomes following instruction offered to individuals of limited English proficiency to achieve competence in the English language.
Career advancement	Participant reported that due to the skills and/or credentials obtained in the Even Start program, he/she was able to get an increase in pay, a promotion, or a new job which was considered an advancement.
Below ninth grade	Completed (attended) through the 9 th grade or nine years of school if attended school in a different country.

Child Form Definitions

Participating in an ES program	Qualified child of an enrolled and participating adult.
Increased interest in reading	Improvement in the ability to read on grade level, using identified assessment, or improved reading readiness.
Enrolled in Head Start...	Registered and accepted as a qualified child.
Attendance rate	Verified at an on site or has presented identified documentation of excused absence to count as a day of attendance.
Promoted to the next level	Successful completion of current school year placement with movement to the next grade or level at the end of the year.
Progress levels or grade	Measure used to indicate upward movement, as defined by the local school district.
School-age	Child is five years of age on or before December 1 of current year.
Value-added	A service that is offered by Even Start programs that is in addition to the services offered as part of the regular school program.